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The United States Botanic Garden and American Public Gardens Association are collaborating to support public gardens and their community partners in urban agriculture and food-growing to address food security challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. In June 2021, the Urban Agriculture Resilience Program awarded \$403,450 to 21 public garden partnerships across the United States that are fostering public engagement and education in urban food growing and building sustainable agriculture programs.

The awards will help participating programs in 16 states and Washington, D.C. integrate urban food growing and education while addressing food security challenges in their communities. The program seeks to leverage the strength of public gardens working with partners in their communities, ranging from schools, universities, libraries, pantries, community gardens, local government agencies, and nonprofit organizations. The Urban Agriculture Resilience Program is providing new insights and approaches and future opportunities for public gardens and their partners to creatively utilize their unique assets to advance food and agriculture education.

The Urban Agriculture Resilience Program began in 2020 as a way for the USBG and the Association to help public gardens continue urban agriculture and food growing programs while facing funding and capacity challenges due to COVID-19. [Learn about the 2020 Urban Agriculture Resilience Program >](#)

Public garden and community partner collaborations awarded 2021 funding include:

Alabama

Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens, in collaboration with Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, and Community

Arizona

* Desert Botanical Garden, in collaboration with Unlimited Potential, TigerMountain Foundation, The Orchard Community Learning Center, and Roosevelt

Colorado

* The Gardens on Spring Creek, in collaboration with Food Bank for Larimer County

Delaware

* Delaware Center for Horticulture, in collaboration with Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

District of Columbia

* Friends of the National Arboretum, in collaboration with the U.S. National Arboretum

Georgia

* Atlanta Botanical Garden, in collaboration with Friends of Refugees and Global Growers Network

* Trees Atlanta, in collaboration with the City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Resilience and the City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation

Illinois

* The Morton Arboretum, in collaboration with Homan Grown, Stone Temple Baptist Church, and Permaculture Chicago Teaching Institute

Michigan

* University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, in collaboration with Oakland Avenue Urban Farm, Detroit Black Community Town Farm

Minnesota

* Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, in collaboration with Pillsbury United Communities, WE WIN Institute, St. Paul City Schools, Plymouth Christian Youth Place, North Point Health & Wellness Center Community Food Shelf, and CAP Agency Food Shelf

Missouri

* EarthDance, in collaboration with The Vine at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Restorative Justice Movement, and BTC St. Vincent's Food Pantry

New York

* Mary Mitchell Family and Youth Center, in collaboration with The New York Botanical Garden, Morris Campus Farm, La Finca del Sur, and Morning Glory

* Queens Botanical Garden, in collaboration with La Jornada Food Pantry at Queens Museum

North Carolina

* Ability Garden, in collaboration with New Hanover County Arboretum and Cooperative Extension, Wilmington Housing Authority

Ohio

* Holden Forests & Gardens, in collaboration with Revolutionary Love Garden, Have a Hive, and Lettuce Tree Farms

Pennsylvania

* Grumblethorpe Historic House & Gardens (PhilaLandmarks), in collaboration with Chef Gail Hinson, Johnson House Historic Site, and Historic Fair Hill

* Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, in collaboration with East Park Revitalization Alliance, Neighborhood Gardens Trust

* Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, in collaboration with Homewood-Brushton YMCA

Tennessee

* Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum, in collaboration with The Museum of Infinite Outcomes

Washington

* University of Washington Botanic Gardens, in collaboration with w@l@b?altw - Intellectual House, UW Nutritional Sciences Program, UW Neighborhood and UW Program on the Environment

Wyoming

* Friends of the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens, in collaboration with Wyoming Hunger Initiative

See the 2021 awardees and learn about their work:

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